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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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FROM :

SUBJECT :

Report

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1. We received Part II of [REDACTED] early in 1952. Part I, to the best of our knowledge, has not been received. Could you forward it to us?

2. Enclosed are a couple of cards addressed to you here.

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Informal Year-End Report

1. Belated Season's Greetings to you and the rest of the staff from all of us! From here the outlook for the coming year is vigorous and hopeful. We sincerely hope your estimate of the situation shares in this covert optimism.

2. Our main concern now is biting into the research program. We have been drawing it up, reviewing it, and re-reviewing it for the past three or more months while finishing up all previous commitments. Our final review took the form of calling in all the senior consultants for three days, December 11, 12, and 13. Their criticisms and comments are attached. I assume that you have your copy by now of the program or we should have heard from you before this. One caution should be made; the program is not quite as inflexible as it seems at first blush. However, to the extent that there is rigidity in it, we hope to make this a basis for standing off any wild suggestions by the clamorous customers. Actually, all the clamorous customers were given an opportunity to participate in forming the program (that includes EIC, Sherman Kent's outfit, and the rest). One hopeful sign so far has been that [redacted] group have welcomed the programming as manna from heaven and have undertaken to reorient some of their own priorities accordingly.

3. One aspect of the coming year's work is perhaps only lightly underscored in the program; that is the emphasis on research into the Chinese economy. We actually expect that this will be a very major effort. An inventory of ignorance similar to Task Force I is almost completed and the first comprehensive analytical project should be out by approximately 1 April. [redacted] the right kind of "old China hand," economist, scholar, businessman, and gentleman (although from Harvard) is now on board to head up the Chinese economic research program. Meanwhile, we are making a concerted effort to launch the appropriate external research projects, particularly in Chinese language materials so that we may have a better basis for the area than we did for the USSR.

4. Miscellany: Bob has been filling in for Lofty for approximately six weeks and plans to be back with us the first of January. He participated in briefing Eisenhower 19 December. He has been a scarce commodity around these here parts. [redacted] is out of Harvard and will be easing into the Services Division the first of January pending [redacted] retirement. Your George seems to be doing an excellent job and certainly has kept the communications lines open. The final recommendations on the travel folder program have gone forward to the IAC. [redacted] and group are mobilizing quite rapidly for their new assignments and making steady progress.

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25X1A9a (George's wife is back from the hospital and her cancer situation looks a bit more hopeful than it did.) [REDACTED] is on a six-month's tour of duty with [REDACTED], on completion of which [REDACTED] will take over for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] comes back from his week in [REDACTED] (last month) 25X1A6a
quite bearish on the future of economic containment utilizing overt measures and mechanisms. He and his group are seeking a complete reappraisal. You
25X1A9a can read between the lines as you want to on that one. The three additions to the [REDACTED] group should pass over in January and not later than February. In spite of alarms and excursions the effort still seems to be on the books and making only the usually delayed progress that is normal.
25X1A9a Naturally [REDACTED] are impatient and anxious. We have received a Christmas card from [REDACTED] — will you convey our pleasure at their 25X1X7
thoughtfulness.

25X1A9a 5. The business of a solution to code names, and other similar security measures, at this juncture looks to be a long, drawn-out affair. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] are working on the problem.

6. All things considered, we are thinking of disbanding our Chaplain Corps.

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